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This is to reply to a letter sent to the Fairfax County Democratic Committee on April 15, 2005, containing the document control number 25038781327.

The letter from Campaign Finance Analyst Ryan J. Lanz raised four questions about the report of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee covering the period 7-1-2004 to 9-30-2004, and is referenced as the "October Quarterly Report.

In a telephone conversation with Mr. Lanz on May 19, 2005, it was established that the Fairfax County Democratic Committee did not receive this letter from the FEC. Mr. Lanz agreed that an extended filing deadline of Wednesday, May 25, 2005, would apply before this report would be referred to the Office of General Counsel for additional action.

The first question raised by Mr. Lanz was the reporting of -\$3,100.00 on Schedule A supporting line 16 of the Detailed Summary page. This error in reporting was corrected in an amended filing transmitted this day to the FEC. The correct treatment of these two refunds was to report them on Schedule B supporting lines 28(a) as to \$100.00 and line 28(c) as to \$3,000.00.

The second question raised by Mr. Lanz is that financial activity in September 2004 may have triggered the requirement for a 46 hour notice of independent expenditures. Upon further review, and in consultation with counsel, all activities disclosed on Schedule E were in fact volunteer exempt mailings and should have been disclosed on line 30(b). The reports have been amended to correct this error.

The third question raised in the April 15 letter concerned payments for salaries. The Fairfax County Democratic Committee is an entirely volunteer non-profit political organization. There are no paid staff on the Committee, and no other employer pays someone to spend their compensated time working for the Fairfax County Democratic Committee.

The next question raised by Mr. Lanz letter questioned whether certain expenses were properly reported as expenses on line 21(b) of the report. One of these expenses, "newspaper advertisement" promoted a local committee fund raising event in the local paper. This is properly classified on Line 21(b). The other expenses questioned are properly classified as volunteer exempt mail and were moved to Line 30 (b). The reports will be amended accordingly to reflect the proper classification of these expenditures.

I hope you find this responsive to the concerns raised in the letter of April 15, 2005, from Mr. Ryan J. Lanz, Campaign Finance Analyst.

Technical problems were encountered with FEC software in attempting to upload the amended reports discussed in both this miscellaneous submission and the submission sent on May 24, 2005. Mr. Lanz was advised on Wednesday, May 25, 2005 by telephone that technical problems were preventing the Fairfax County Democratic Committee from meeting a deadline to submit the revised reports to the FEC. Mr. Lanz referred me to the Technical Support

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staff at FEC, but as of this writing the technical problems remain unresolved.

The actual revised, amended FEC quarterly reports referred to in miscellaneous electronic submissions sent on May 24, 2005, and May 25, 2005, will be sent as soon as the technical problems can be satisfactorily resolved.

Submitted for the Fairfax County Democratic Committee this Wednesday, the 25th day of May, 2005.

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